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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR THE SECRETARY'S
REMARKS TO AMERICAN STAFF OF AMEMBASSY LIMA

1. SUGGEST BRIEF, FIVE-MINUTE, MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION
FOR EFFORTS OF THE US MISSION IN REPRESENTING US INTERESTS
AND REPORTING IN ONE OF THE MOST CHALLENGING AND DIFFICULT
POSTS IN LATIN AMERICA. NOTE POST'S EXCELLENT REPORTORIAL
COVERAGE OF RECENT COUP, NON-ALIGNED AND UNIDO CONFERENCES,
AND THORNY MARCONA NATIONALIZATION COMPENSATION DISPUTE.

2. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: US MISSION COMMUNITY HAS
DEVELOPED MORALE PROBLEMS OVER PAST YEAR BECAUSE OF FOOD
SHORTAGES, RISING COST OF LIVING, AND POSTAL PROBLEMS.
THESE ARE BEING ADDRESSED THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE CHANNELS,
BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN RESOLVED. PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S
AUSTERITY PROGRAM IS A MAJOR NEW CONTRIBUTING FACTOR. IF
MATTER IS RAISED, EXPRESS COGNIZANCE OF DIFFICULTIES AND
HOPE THAT MEASURES BEING INITIATED BY EMBASSY WILL ALLEVIATE
SOME OF HARDSHIPS.

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3. TALKING POINTS:

-- I AM GLAD TO BE HERE IN LIMA IN SUMMER. I UNDERSTAND

THAT SUMMERS ARE SO SHORT THERE THAT IF I HAD COME NEXT
WEEK I MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT.

-- OUR RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA ARE IN A STATE OF
TRANSITION. NOWHERE IN THE HEMISPHERE IS THIS MORE APPAR-
ENT THAN IN LIMA, WHICH HAS BECOME A HUB OF THIRD WORLD
ACTIVITIES.

-- I WANT TO EXPRESS TO ALL OF YOU MY APPRECIATION FOR
YOUR EFFORTS IN REPRESENTING US INTERESTS AND KEEPING THE
DEPARTMENT INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS HERE IN LIMA, ONE OF
THE MOST CHALLENGING POSTS IN LATIN AMERICA.

SPECIFICALLY, I WANT TO COMMEND THE POST FOR ITS REPORTING
OF THE RECENT COUP, THE NON-ALIGNED AND UNIDO CONFER-
ENCES AND THE MARCONA EXPROPRIATION ISSUE. YOUR EFFORTS
ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED IN THE DEPARTMENT.

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